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ood afternoon and a very warm welcome back to Grosvenor Vale for the start of the new season.

Plenty has changed over the summer and I would like to formally welcome our new management team of Dean, Stuart, Gary, Kirk, Abigail and longstanding Tony. Let's hope the hard work you have all put into pre-season produces a campaign to remember.

Welcome also to all the new players joining us and welcome back to those remaining from last season's promotion push.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their services this year, the club simply wouldn't exist without your dedication and support. There are still a number of vacancies around the club and Supporters Club and I know they would be glad to hear from you if you can spare some time.

Finances are always tight as we continue to operate a sustainable football club. As

always at this time of the season, we are looking for supporters or businesses to step forward as sponsors to ensure we remain competitive on the pitch. We have a range of Matchday and Ball sponsorship packages available to suit all pockets, as well as our ever popular Kit Sponsorship that allows you to show your support for your favourite player. Full details of all these packages. which can be customised to your individual requirements, can be found in the pages of this very programme.

On a personal note, we here at Programme Towers are very proud of the fact that we retained the National League South Programme of the Year Award for a second year at the National League Conference last month. Hopefully we continue to provide the club with a product to be proud of and welcome any articles or creative output you may have lurking within you.

Ok... on with the show.....

Mark



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ollowing the tragic and untimely death of Justin Edinburgh Justin's family have set up a Foundation in his honour, the Justin Edinburgh 3 Foundation. The Foundation will be focusing on raising awareness of brain and heart disease and promoting the use of defibrillators in health clubs and

We will be holding a bucket collection for the JE3 Foundation around the ground this afternoon.

Thank you for your support.

Golden Day for Golden Goal Stone

veryone at the club would like to extend it's very best wishes to Wealdstone's favourite Golden Girl Mim Goodman and her husband Neil who celebrated their Golden '50th' Wedding Anniversary last Monday. Congratulations to you both and we hope there will be many more to come.



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From the Gaffer

fter a long summer, finally the first league game of the season is upon us. Before I start I'd like to thank Rory our Chairman, our board of Directors and our all of our supporters for giving my staff and me the opportunity to manage at Wealdstone Football Club.

Our pre-season has gone quite well for the majority of our players, I always feel preseason is more about the individual player getting through a full preseason without any injuries. Usually for a player if you have a good preseason, you will give yourself that base to have a positive competitive season.

We have a few players that are behind in the sense of a for filling full preseason, but those players have been working hard to improve their individual fitness over the last few weeks. What I have liked about the last couple of weeks within our preseason schedule, we have set ourselves strong standards within periods of the last three games against Watford, Wycombe and Brentford. We have only conceded one goal while also scoring 6 goals. We have also created competition for places within our team, It's my job to make sure that continues.

We want our players to push each other to raise the standards within our football club, that is how we believe you create success.

On our summer of recruitment, it's been long as always but a little different for us as we have had to recruit a high number of players and create a brand new team. We believe we have put together a good aged team with the average age of our team being 23. We inherited half a dozen very good players that our club have done very well to keep hold of and tie down.

We have managed to bring in some high quality players, 15 in total, and I feel some of the lads will have a point to prove at a club like Wealdstone.

Today we open the new 2019/20 National League South campaign hosting Dartford.

We know plenty about Dartford as we

have managed against Coyley & Flan for numerous years now. They will have a physical threat from set pieces plus they have plenty of pace in their attacking line. They have also recruited seasoned proven national league south players and have made no secret that they want to be in the mix come next April.

We know today will be a tough test for us, but it's the old cliche in this division there are no easy games.

We have our philosophy and our players have worked hard all summer to get to this point today. It's mortgage football and it's all about the 3 points.

We know you Stones supporters will get behind our lads today. Collectively it's our responsibility to create that winning mentality together.

We are Wealdstone FC together...



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The Elmslie Ender



A new season starts with an **EE retrospective on the last....**

indsight is a wonderful thing especially when you have a thousand words to write and the editorial deadline is looming. I wrote my programme notes for the Hemel game at the end of last season after we had lost at home to Dulwich that had been preceded by an equally damaging loss to Hampton. Our play off hopes were in tatters and required a number of results to go our way that even the most addicted gambler wouldn't put a bet upon. But, we went to Chelmsford on Easter Monday and won handsomely, with a number of results going our way and we moved onto the last day of the season still clinging onto hope. Four results including our own had to go our way, with long odds on said combination, but rather incredibly they all did and we found ourselves travelling down to Somerset the following Wednesday in effectively the play-off quarter finals. A remarkable turnaround on where we found ourselves on New Years Day morning.

Nearly 350 Stones made the trip to Bath, hoping for a good show, but probably suspecting that as long as we had a credible performance, most would be happy. The

two thousand strong crowd witnessed a magnificent Wealdstone performance where we bullied and out-plaved the form side going into the play-offs. A shocking and shameful challenge which merited far more than the three match suspension on Jon North left a bitter taste which probably had a huge influence on the semi final, but the night will stay long in the memory of those that were there as one of the great nights in Wealdstone history. Jake Sheppard's opener set things up, we withheld a strong recovery from Bath to reach half time one up. but then controlled the second period with a true "limbs' moment when Jeffrey Monakana put us two up and then there was partial redemption for David Pratt as he added a third in injury time. In-between Bath we had the assault on North and Bath scored a deflected long ranger against our substitute

We moved onto Woking, whom we had beaten twice already last season, with a team probably pretty much running on empty, so much had the exertion been at Bath and the run up to the close of the season as the budget/squad were trimmed. Over six hundred Stones fans were officially in a gate of three thousand, which Woking fans

described as the biggest 3k gate they had seen at their ground! There was a cracking atmosphere that only ratcheted up after we took a two-goal lead inside the opening guarter of an hour. We were comfortable and when Woking hit the bar in the second period from close in, you thought our luck was in. It wasn't as Woking pulled a goal back with just twelve minutes to go as our collective legs gave in and you just knew that was it. I'm not sure there were many Stones who thought we'd hold out and right on the final whistle Woking equalised from a blatantly offside goal and scored their winner four minutes into injury time. A cruel way to go out but a phenomenal performance with exhausted legs was certainly something to be proud off.

The post match interview by our manager was the strangest thing though and the only bit I really remember was the calling out of the board to match his ambition. Within a week he was gone. A FA Trophy semi-final and a play off place were a decent return during Bobby Wilkinson's tenure but was it with our two biggest budgets in our history over those two seasons. All supporters think their clubs are special and even unique. Ours is. We have survived when other clubs would have perished and gone to the wall. Whilst history cannot define you, it does shape the football club that you are and distils the DNA

that seeps into all parts of the club. You have to understand and respect that. Obviously GB did and does; people can judge whether our last manager did? The run from 1 January to the end of the season was remarkable and the previous management team, along with the team. must take immense credit for their work to get us to the play offs. I suspect many fans felt that the make up of the team, certainly defensively and most certainly in midfield.

was exactly what they had craved for many years; strong, physical and not to be bullied. The forward players just didn't work out for us, though, whether through weight of expectation, loss of form or injuries. There was symbiotic link between the fans and the players on that run, though I suspect that

there probably wasn't between management team and the supporters. I am sure, though: that Bobby and his management team will have plenty of success wherever they end

The change in management team saw the team break up, probably unsurprisingly, as many were so webbed to the management team. We lost the magnificent Godfrev Poku and Freddie Grant to teams in the Conference, so we certainly cannot stand in their way. I would have liked to have kept Christian Smith and possibly Jeffrey Monakana, who both chose the pastures of Champion Hill instead. Of the rest, we should wish them well and thank them for their service in a Stones short

So, out with the old and in with the new. as the duo of Dean Brennan and former Stones Stuart Maynard, take over the hot seat(s). Now with a lower budget to play with, having retained some crucial members of last season squad, the rest is being balanced with vounger and much more local based players. Dennon Lewis, who found short-lived fame on Love Island, is an Old Quaintonian and was at school when my boys were there. I don't do pre-season much, but it is clear from seeing Twitter and the one game live, that we will certainly score goals, have our

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foot on the gas from the start, but will also concede a few as well. Games should be more entertaining and hopefully our home form that throughout the four years in the Conference has been nothing short of appalling, will hopefully improve. Conversely, despite our pretty abject form at home. our gates continue to rise at the Vale and last year, we averaged over 900 for the first time in forty odd years. This season the aim should be to average four figures.

As GB said at the legends game, it is easy to manage (and presumably play as well) at Wealdstone when you win; it is how you deal with things when you lose that tells you much more. Some, as we know, deal with it far better than others.

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Supporters' Scene

ood Afternoon and welcome to the first game of this season's Vanarma National League South against Dartford.

Well that went quick didn't it? It feels like only yesterday that we were all left disappointed but every so proud after missing out at Woking. Since then we've had some changes both on and off the field but we are all working towards the same goal this season which is to go one better. Rory has now taken over as full time chairman with Dominic becoming his vice chair. On the pitch Dean and Stuart have arrived and have put together a very talented and hardworking squad whose style of play should see some goals. I'm excited to see what the season brings!

Onto supporter's club matters and we are in desperate need of someone to help organise and run away travel this season. Wealdstone has a great reputation in bringing consistently large numbers of away fans to games and we want this to continue. We don't run coach travel at a profit as we see it as a service enabling organised travel to everyone especially those who may struggle on public transport. If you think that you can help then please contact me at m_c_randall@hotmail.com or come to the megastore. If this isn't quite up your

street but want to put something back then we can find a role for you. We want to run as many events as possible but without help we simply can't make the most of every opportunity.

The Megastore has a new range of polo shirts in stock for the new season, and not to mention the new Home and Away shirt priced at £40 each. Stock is limited on these currently so if you are interested please come and see Adam in the shop. Another item which is due in very shortly are beach towels available in this season's blue and amber plus a more traditional blue and white design. Prices are to be confirmed. You can forget the new signings or returning players. the real talk on the terraces is a new addition to the Megastore coming very soon. Shortly we will be selling pick'n'mix so if you have any suggestions on what we should be stocking then please let us know. Just to confirm that there will be no upper age limit on purchases.

Mim is by the gate selling golden goals again this season so why not pay her a visit and in exchange for a £1 she will give you the opportunity to win £50 if your ticket has the time of the 1st goal or £10 for the last. Here's to a great season and Up the Stones!

Mark



■ ERE'S a secret about Dean Brennan: He's always been a bit of a closet Wealdstone fan.

This isn't just him trying to convince me that coming to the Stones is probably the best move of his managerial career - he actually joined in the singing with the Stones regulars at St Albans a few years ago when his Hemel Hempstead side were hot on the heels of the Saints in the play-off race!

"It's true - me and Stu (his assistant manager Stuart Maynard) were at the game on a filthy wet night in March two or three years ago and were under the cover with the crowd, watching the game and hoping St Albans would lose. The Wealdstone fans are always noisy - we knew this from the games at Hemel when they always packed out the away end - and when they went 3-0 up it was a time to celebrate and we joined in the songs!" said the new Stones boss.

"The passion and friendliness of the Weald-

stone supporters has always struck me: We've been to most of the Monday night games at The Vale and it's always a good atmosphere - at Hemel we'd get decent crowds but they mainly just stood there at watched, at Wealdstone there's real interaction between the players and the crowd and we want to engender more of that at games.

"That was always the team talk when we brought Hemel to the Vale - Don't get bullied by the crowd, stand up to them and keep them guiet; get them moaning and vou're halfway there .

"We know that when the fans come through the gate they want to be entertained and for the team to be honest and give everything. I want them to work their

It's the Stones Dean Brennan PAINCE macron A delighted Dean is unveiled as the new Wealdstone manager back in May by chairman Rory Fitzgerald (left)

> socks off, do their jobs, tackle and win the ball, overload the opposition, get on the front foot and then the crowd will roar you home".

ean admits that he is 'so grateful' to have the opportunity to work his magic at the Vale after such a difficult year - a year that began with him and Stuart looking forward to their seventh year in charge at Hemel Hempstead with the backing of chairman Dave Boggins.

They had built Hemel up from a team that should have been relegated from the Southern League Prem (reprieved by another club's facilities not being up to scratch) to a team that won that division by ten points - the same season, funnily enough, that

Wealdstone were winning the Ryman League by a similar margin. Then they established Hemel in the Conference South and got to the play offs in 2018.

"Last season kicked off with us fully expecting us to be at Hemel for ten vears, and we had a contract that would have taken us there, but for one reason or another we never got around to signing it. We had an offer to manage a National League club, which we turned down, but then in September Glenn Tamplin at Billericav got in touch and impressed us with his ambition. It was a mistake to go there but, to be honest. Glenn is a good guy, with a lovely wife and kids and he has some honest and straight-talking people there with him. He just has some personal demons.

"He wanted to be team manager but never came out and said it. The salaries were astronomical. unsustainable... so much so that Stuart and I asked to have it written into our contracts that the wage bill would come down. and that's what basically Glenn's aim was until the end of he season.

"We had to be ruthless. We moved players on, however we could manage it. Glenn then went off to the States for rehab and then, a week after he came back (the night we beat Southend United in the County Cup)

we were sacked. Just like that!"

e and Stuart (pictured right with Dean) were were quickly approached by Kingstonian to fill the Surrey club's vacant management slot but within a few weeks Dean's four year old son Brogan was knocked down by a car (thankfully, not too seriously) and football took a secondary

Stuart was unwilling to take up the reins on his own and the pair were effectively made redundant midway through the season "Which, in hindsight, was probably one of the best things that ever happened to us" said Dean

"I believe player recruitment is 80% of the manager's job at this level, and being freed

for those few months allowed to us to get out and watch dozens and dozens of matches, not just midweek but on matchdays which was unthinkable just a few weeks earlier.

"We managed to get over 100 targets in our little black book - players from the local area we believer are talented and good enough to be successful at this level and above. It's a life you have to be committed too, and my partner Sophie says I should be committed after getting home night after night after watching some game in a freezing football ground!

"You don't always see a gem, but it's worth it for when you do uncover someone. And it can take months, even years - Dennon Lewis, for example, is someone we've tracked since his Watford

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academy days and now he's finally signed for us. He's been criticised for taking up the Love Island opportunity but people don't see the sacrifices he's made just to get to this point - he's not getting paid to play football until August so why not go for it? He's been forking out of his own pocket to get to training and matches and deserved this opportunity so we're not going to deny him the chance".

One of Dean's best discoveries was Ollie Hawkins (the Portsmouth target man) who he saw come off the bench for Northwood half a dozen years ago and immediately have an impact with his tall, gangly style. Dean snapped

him up for Hemel and he was an integral part of his championship-winning team a couple of years later. Ditto Jordan Parkes, who Dean had tracked since his Watford Youth days.

"Jordan came to us as a full back but you could see in training that he was better suited to midfield. His finishing was extraordinary, so we moved him further up the field and within months he was the best attacking No.10 at that level - he got 30 goals from midfield when we won the

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STONES INTERVIEW CONTINUED

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league!" said Dean.

I don't think Hemel appreciated what they had in the Brennan-Maynard management team. They were first hired by the club when Dean - who started up a wine import business soon after leaving the pro game and was managing Dunstable Town happened to deliver a few crates to the home of Dave Boggins, the Hemel chairman. They fell into conversation and Boggins quickly pleaded with him to take over the vacant job at Vauxhall Road.

"It was a step up from Dunstable but there was no money. Me and Stuart wanted to succeed though, and pretty much put our iobs on hold to get out and about scouting players and building the club back up. It took some real sacrifice, not just from us but from our families.

"But it was worth it to see the club winning that title and getting promoted and that's something we can look back on with real pride".

ean is now 39, one of the youngest managers in Wealdstone history (almost exactly the same age as Gordon Bartlett when he took charge in 1995) but his career has been chequered.

Brought up in the centre of Dublin and playing for Lourdes Athletic, he was part of the Republic of Ireland Under-18

squad when they won the European Championship in 1998 - featuring household succeed at Hemel so much ... we put our jobs on hold and it took real sacrifice names like Richard Dunne. Robbie Keane and Gary Doherty. "About 60 of the best Irish talent at that time was shipped over to English clubs and I was one of them - signed up by Sheffield Wednesday" recalls Dean.

"I was there three years but never played for the first team, but got ever so homesick and came back to Dublin in 2000 to play for Bohemians. Then the man who'd coached me at Sheffield Wednesday, the former England player Ricky Hill, got the manager's job at Luton in League One and signed me for the Hatters".

Dean, a midfielder/winger with a wicked dead-ball delivery, played nine games for Luton, but then it was off to Hitchin Town (47 goals, 20 goals) and big-money moves to Conference clubs Stevenage (17 games) and Grays Athletic (45 games, 9 goals). He won the FA Trophy while at Grays, scoring



his penalty in the 6-5 shoot-out win over Hednesford Town at Villa Park (while the new Wembley was being built).

Then it was on to the upwardly-mobile SFC Wimbledon under Dave Anderson; Lewes, Cambridge City, Chesham, Hemel and Halesowen Town (32 games, 22 goals).

> Both he and Stuart Maynard played for Aylesbury against the Stones in that memorable FA Cup 4th Qualifying Round tie ten years ago, when the Buckinghamshire minnows led 2-0 in the first half and a real shock seemed on the cards. "I took a bit of a dive for the

penalty and it should have been 3-0 but we had a shot blocked on the line!" Dean remembers. "It was a big, big crowd, packed with Wealdstone of course and in the end we got beat 4-2. Keiron Forbes was the difference that day, but that was about the first time my paths crossed with the Stones".

Dean first met Stuart back in 2002. playing for Hitchin against Stuart's Enfield side at Borehamwood (where the Es were groundsharing). "I actually scored a hat-trick in that game - one left foot one right and one header! - so I remember it well. But everyone noticed what a good player Stuart was, and after the game I managed to get

his phone number in the bar, and we persuaded him to come across to Hitchin the following season. And we've been mates ever since. He's bubbly, always smiling and we make a good team.

"I always wanted to get into the management side of football and I was only 28 when I stood in temporarily at Hemel. Then briefly at Aylesbury, picking up the financial and background stuff, and then permanantly at Dunstable Town where I was player manager in my early 30s. We had some money to play with there, but it's always recruitment, recruitment, recruitment with me and I like to see players with my own eyes. I can't understand managers who don't go out and watch players two. three, four times because how else can you judge them?"

ssessing players is at the very core of Dean and Stuart's thinking and he's excited by the players they've lined up to wear the blue (and amber) shirts this season.

"Ross Lafayette was a key signing. He's a leader and a very positive personality - a real battering ram of a striker who'll hold the ball up, bring others into the game and provide a focal point. He lives locally and at this stage in his career (he's 34) it's the perfect move for Roscoe.... he's not motivated by money and really wants to play in this side.

"Deion Noel Williams has got pace and power up front, still a bit raw but he's very young and will learn a lot from Ross. And

Reece Beckles Richards from Wingate & Finchlev really excites me. a real talent who'll do well. Jacob Mendy has been tracked by us for a long time and we're delighted to bring him to the club as he's very, very good! He can play left back, right back, left wing and up front and he scores some cracking goals. So does Connor Smith, he's been really impressive in training and we've also signed Jacob Cook and Kavan Cotter who're technically excellent and can run all day.

"Nick Arnold and Rvan Sellers are two great, experienced signings and and then of course you have Jake. Jerome. Connor. Northy and Greenie from last season who are all top, top players.

"There will be still more faces coming in but, for now, that is a good mix to be going on with."

ittingly, for a man labelled 'Mr ■ Recruitment' Dean runs a small maintenance recruitment business from his home in Leighton Buzzard. He moved to Eaton Bray, near Dunstable when he signed for Luton Town and has always lived in this area, now bringing up little ones Brogan and Alba with partner Sophie while he also has a 16-vear-old daughter Morgan.

"Football and family is not a good mix but I try to keep Sundays free. Even then the phone is always ringing! Everyone knows what a commitment football management is but you have to give it maximum effort... and that's what I promise to do for Wealdstone.

"At the recent 'Meet the Manager' evening I was asked a very good question: "If you had a straight choice between managing Hemel Hempstead, Billericay or Wealdstone, which would you choose?

"Well there is no doubt in my mind which is the bigger club with the most potential - Wealdstone. I have fond memories of Hemel, of course, but they are smaller by far while Billericay... well, our experience of managing that club will stand me in good stead.

"I'm genuinely excited by what we can achieve at Wealdstone and there are some terrific people here. The secretary. Fingers is an unbelievable character; Rory the chairman is very straight and supportive: the fans are passionate and vocal. Together we can do great things".

although ashamedly I couldn't name you

DARTFORD

Mike, Simon and Ray have their say.. they're all part of the Darts

e asked a few Darts fans what they thought of their team's chances this season, plus a few more questions regarding their club's history and any Wealdstone-centric views. And we had an interesting response!

First up is **MIKE SAUNT** (pictured right with the Raider, aka Gordon Hill, which gains him instant respect) who was candid about his team's slump last season....

e were spoiled so much between 2006 and 2018 - moving into our new home: three promotions in five years to reach the Conference Premier: and same stalwart manager (like yourselves) - so that when Tony Burman stood down and our new management duo came in last year many of our fans were circumspect.

'Several of the players brought in by Flanagan and Coyle failed to make the grade

and loanees flooded in like we hadn't seen before. The season wasn't a disaster though, and we had seeminaly locked ourselves in to the playoffs by March, however the utter capitulation over the final eight games saw us achieve the impossible and finish tenth.

'The news that our management duo are to be given a second chance has left most of us concerned as to whether we will manage to sustain a strong playing core this season.

'Personally, I feel that finishing anywhere outside of Mike (right) proudly shows off his Raider tshirt with the man himself. Gordon Hill

the playoffs would be very disappointing. The division is strong and I'd wager that the top seven will comprise of Maidstone, Havant & Waterlooville, our local rivals Welling, Chelmsford, Wealdstone, Billericay and Bath. Who knows, Braintree would

> their exclusion and the promoted teams can always be wildcards. If we can displace one of these sides we will have done well, but we should

Wanadio is warmly welcome and in Tom Bonner we have a dependable and experienced captain. Darren McQueen was on loan from Sutton last season. but we are hoping he can springboard himself into the football league via a boatload of goals for us. Eleven-vear

as captain) legend Elliot Bradbrook has finally retired and will be missed - he was always a 10/15goals a season midfielder we hope that these will be replaced by Alex Flisher and Luke Allen. Charlie Sheringham has signed again but will need to improve on last season. What was the

first Darts game vou saw, Mike? That was against we lost if memory serves, in the Isthmian division

one north. Most memorable would probably be our 2-0 win at Kenilworth Road. Luton in our inaugural Conference Premier season in 2012 - a game after which the home fans applauded our boys off of the pitch and put Dartford somewhere like 5th in the table.

Why did you go along to watch? I'd only moved to Dartford in 2003 and didn't have a non-league affiliation, so when Princes Park

was built two years later just up the road from where I live it was a no-brainer to get involved.

What's the best Dartford-Wealdstone match vou've seen? Our 3-3 draw at Princes Park a couple of seasons ago was probably the most fruitful game

Mike's first visit to the Vale: Lee Chappell sets himself before firing the only goal of the night past Darts keeper Louis Wells. The Vale was jumping! Left: The Stones prog that night

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Waltham Abbey 12 years ago, a game

ast season was an expected disappointment: 'my hope for this season is simply for all of the fans to get behind all of the team. That's a big if, but if we can avoid the damage that constant criticism instead of support brings, we can hope for the play-offs and aspire to competing for the title. More goals and a cup run or two would be nice as well. Definitely more goals."

Simon savs he was 'proudly disappointed at Wembley 45 years ago when

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the scorers...



Visiting fans feature DARTFORD

when Dartford were beaten 2-1 in the FA Trophy and missed the chance of a Southern League Championship and Trophy double but says he cannot remember the first darts game - though it may even have been that Final against Morecambe which his grandad took him to.

His most memorable match was the FA Cup draw against Bournemouth at Watling Street (Dartford's old ground). 'It was the biggest crowd I saw at WS and sadly my first experience of football hooliganism. We found out after the game that the winners would be playing Manchester Utd so of course we lost the replay – still the stuff dreams are made of.

Second most memorable is one I didn't go to as we were upset at a bad run so missed a game against

Waterlooville which we found out they won 7-0! Sorry but cannot remember any really memorable Wealdstone ties though they do generally produce goals. The new ground is good and new and most non-league clubs would be envious of a similar set-up but the nostalgia was left at Watling Street.

Even longer-time fan RAY BAKER of Croydon sent us his reminiscences...

y late brother David and my younger brother Graham first brought me along to Watling Street to see the Darts in 1952-3 season even earlier than famous Dartford fan Mick Jagger, a local lad who mentioned that fact recently at the 02 on his recent tour!

Did you prefer Watling Street to the current ground? I think Watling Street was



Ray look frankly scary as he poses with his Darts scarf. Nice curtains Mr Baker

the better ground in terms of hot drinks (proper teal) and pies and we even had a hot peanut vendor. But Princes Park is much better for spectators.

'The best game I've ever seen was our first giant killing in the FA Cup when we beat Exeter at WS 2-1 in 1962-3 in front of a 7,000 crowd

'I've not visited the Vale yet but will be there on August 3, either by train from Croydon or on the supporters coach. And as for my fancied teams for the top seven this season I'd go for Chelmsford, Bath, Wealdstone, Dorking, Eastbourne, Maidstone... and Dartford.

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WEALDSTONE U18'S SAVE THE CHILDREN - BOSTIK ISTHMIAN YOUTH LEAGUE 2019/20



2019 / 2020 FIXTURES

AUGUST	Opposition	Competition	Result
Wednesday 28th	BEDFONT SPORTS	League	
SEPTEMBER			
Wednesday 4th	CB HOUNSLOW UNITED	FA Youth Cup P	
Wednesday 25th	Hampton & Richmond Borough	League	
OCTOBER			
Wednesday 9th	CAMBERLEY TOWN	League	
NOVEMBER			
Monday 4th	Staines Town	League	
Wednesday 25th	NORTHWOOD	League	
DECEMBER			
Wednesday 4th	ALDERSHOT TOWN	League	
Wednesday 11th	Hayes & Yeading United	League	
Wednesday 18th	BRACKNELL TOWN	League	
JANUARY			
Monday 6th	Uxbridge	League	
Monday 13th	Bedfont Sports	League	
Wednesday 22nd	HAMPTON & RICHMOND BOROUGH	League	
Thursday 30th	Camberley Town	League	
FEBRUARY			
Wednesday 5th	STAINES TOWN	League	
Thursday 13th	Northwood	League	
Monday 17th	Aldershot Town	League	
Wednesday 26th	HAYES & YEADING UNITED	League	
MARCH			
Wednesday 4th	Bracknell Town	League	
Wednesday 11th	UXBRIDGE	League	



Opposition in focus

artford Football Club was formed in early 1888 by members of the Dartford Workingmen's club and for the first few seasons, played only friendly fixtures with the occasional foray into cup football. A run to the final of the Kent Senior cup in 1894 encouraged the club committee to enter Dartford as a Founder-Member of the Kent League for the 1894-95 season. It was in October 1895 that Dartford first played in the FA Cup.

Two seasons later Dartford became Founder-Members of the Southern League, Division Two winning the Championship at the first attempt. Over the next few seasons Dartford fluctuated between the Southern and Kent Leagues but a financial crisis in the early 1900s saw the club drift down to the West Kent League. At the same time the club, which had used several pitches in the area, gained the use of Summers Meadow in Lowfield Street on a long lease

After the war Dartford Football was slow to get underway as the Summers Meadow ground was no longer available. However local business men appreciating the value of a good-class football team bearing the town's name completely re-structured the club and, from 1921 onwards, Dartford FC was run as a public limited liability company, unique in English football until Tottenham Hotspur followed suit some fifty years later. A site was found in Watling Street in the neighbouring parish of Stone, which was to remain the club's home until a major financial crisis forced the sale of the ground in 1992.

For a decade and a half following the 1939-1945 War Dartford had little to show for its efforts except for a sparkling Kent Senior Cup win over Bromley in 1947. At the same time Bromley vied with Bishop Auckland as the premier amateur club in the land and the Lillywhites look a 2-0 lead in the final before Dartford struck back with three goals to lift the trophy. Included in the Dartford line-up that

day was Ted Croker, later to become the Secretary of the Football Association. Soon after this win Dartford transferred Riley Cullum and Fred Alexander to Charlton Athletic for £6,000, which wiped out the club's debts entirely.

The 1980s was a period dominated by two managers with contrasting styles: John Still and Peter Taylor. By winning the Southern Division of the Southern League in 1980-81 Dartford had gained a short-lived place in the Alliance Premier League. Relegated after just one season but having tasted life at the top of the semi-professional game Dartford wanted more. John Still who had led Leytonstone/ Ilford to a clean sweep of trophies, was the man for the job, in 1983-84 he steered Dartford to a fourth Southern League Championship and a resultant return to the Alliance Premier League (by now known as the Gola League). This time Darts stayed two seasons finishing third in 1984-85. Another periodic crisis was ooming, and with Still departing in February 1986, Dartford were relegated once again.

In the wake of the Bradford fire and the Hillsborough disaster Dartford, like so many clubs, needed to either re-locate or upgrade their current facilities with the Board going for the latter option. Large sums of money were spent on planning and design fees, which burdened a manageable financial deficit with crippling interest charges.

At the same time Maidstone United, who had sold their own ground, needed a suitable home to launch their ill-fated foray into the Football League and the Dartford board agreed to let Maidstone ground-share at Watling Street, the rent income providing a welcome boost for finances.

Within a few years Maidstone had gone into liquidation, most of their cash being taken up to gain the eagerly-sought Football League place. Ground improvements, which Maidstone United has paid for, were sold to Dartford at a cost (around £500,000), which

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pushed Darts' debts beyond manageable proportions. Watling Street was sold to pay off creditors and Dartford withdrew from the Southern League four games into the 1992-93 season.

The club's Supporters' Association, around 400 strong, came to the rescue, A private limited liability company was incorporated in November 1992 to manage affairs which meant, primarily, keeping the Youth team operating, an action which was rewarded when the Youth team beat Maidstone Invicta (the club rising out of the ashes of the old United Club) in the final of the John Ullman cup by 2-0 at Gravesend & Northfleet before a gate of 562. The continuing existence of the Youth team enabled Dartford to maintain both its Senior status and Full Membership of the Football Association.

In February 1993 former player Tony
Burman was appointed Manager and with the club being offered a ground-share arrangement by Cray Wanderers, Dartford were able to make a successful application for membership of the Kent League. Spurred on by an average attendance of well over 300 Dartford finished that first season in sixth position.

With a view to the future Dartford negotiated a ground-share with Erith & Belvedere in time for the 1994-95 season and a second Kent League campaign started with gates at a shade over 400. Early promise faded somewhat and the club finished in mid-table.

In the May 1996 came the welcome news that Dartford had gained promotion to the Dr Martens sponsored Southern League, exactly one hundred years after the club first entered that competition. Unfortunately, Tony Burman was forced to resign as manager in the December due to business commitments but the club quickly promoted reserve team manager Gary Julians to first team manager.

In September 1997 a disastrous fire at Erith & Belvedere put the club's future and standing with the Southern League into serious doubt and with this in mind a new ground sharing arrangement was made with Purfleet in time for the 1998-99 season.

A new ground sharing agreement was arranged with Gravesend & Northfleet in time for the 2001-02 season.

The 2004/5 season saw the restructuring of non-league football. Dartford remained in the Southern League.

Princes Park hosted its first game on Saturday 11 November 2006 when the Darts entertained Horsham YMCA in the Ryman League.

Dartford were moved across to the Ryman League Division One North for the 2007/2008 season and won the Championship.

Having won the Ryman League title in 2009/10 - In 2010/11, the club made their debut in the Conference South, finishing a creditable tenth

In 2001/2012 Dartford acheived promotion to the Nation League after beeting Welling in the Play Off final.

The Darts were relegated from the National League in 2014/15.



DARTS FACTS

GROUND - Princes Park Capacity - 4,100 (642 Seated) 2018/19 - National League South 10th Last Season

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July 16, home vs, Colchester United - L 0-3

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July 18, away vs. Chesham United - L 2-3 (Watt, Clifford)

Paterson, Michee Efete, Sellers, Matt Saunders, Afolabi Coker Yaw Ofosu, Reece Beckles-Richards, Jacob Cook, Sanchez Watt, Sheppard, Dennon Lewis Subs: Nick Arnold, Joe Ringer Stevens, Okimo, Connor Smith, Billy Clifford, Green, Jacob Mendy

July 27, home vs. Brentford 'B' - W 2-0 (Lafayette 2)

Ringer, Arnold, Efete, Clifford (Lewis, 74), Stevens, Okimo, Phillips, Smith, Lafayette (Richards, 87), Green (Trialist, 78), Watt (Mendy, 67)



DARTFORD FC

MARK SMITH - GOALKEEPER

Mark joins us having spent the second half of last season at Billericay Town and the first half at Eastbourne Borough. He spent his earlier career at Brentford and Aldershot. Although only 23 years old he has the experience in both the National and National League South. Mark is a fantastic shot stopper, good communicator and has brilliant distribution skills.

TOM BONNER - DEFENDER

Made his 300 appearance for the Darts last season, Experienced defender, Tom re-ioined the Darts from neighbours Ebbsfleet United at the beginning of the 2016/17 season. Tom began his career in the QPR Academy before he signed a professional contract with Northampton Town in 2005. He went on loan to Bedford Town and Nuneaton Borough before he signed for Rushden & Diamonds in January 2007. At Rushden he went out on loan to Bedford Town and Heybridge Swifts. Released by Rushden in 2007 and went on to play for Hinckley United and Ilkeston Town.Following a successful trial Tom joined Dartford in the summer of 2010. After three seasons at Princes Park he signed for Cambridge United in May 2013 and made his Football League debut in a 1-0 win at home against Plymouth Argyle. In 2014, Bonner ioined Conference Premier side Dover Athletic on loan. Released by Cambridge United in January 2015 Tom linked up with Ebbsfleet and after one season Tom re-joined the Darts for the 2016/17 season

JOSH HILL - DEFENDER

Vastly experienced at National League and National League South, Josh has rejoined the Darts for the forthcoming season having first joined us in August 2013. A tall and imposing defender Josh has also played for Boreham Wood, St Albans, Chelmsford City, **Wealdstone**, Braintree and Welling from whom Josh joins the Darts.

RONNIE VINT - DEFENDER

Ronnie has progressed through the Dartford Academy to the Dartford first team. Has spent time on loan at Leatherhead gaining valuable experience and made his first team debut in the Conference against Nuneaton at the end of the 2014/15 season, since when he has been regular member of the Darts defence.

LUKE WARNER-ELEY - DEFENDER

Luke joins us for the forthcoming season

having impressed in pre-season games and training. Starting his career at Fulham before moving on to Leverstock Green, Luke has subsequently played for Royston, Potters Bar, St Neots Town, Barton Rovers and in the latter part of last season at Chesham United.

JORDAN WYNTER - DEFENDER

Jordan is a 25 year old defender who joins the club on a permanent basis having spent since September 2018 with us on loan from Maidstone United. Jordan had a great impact when he came to us on loan last season and he showcased what a good player he is in a variety of positions. Jordan's energy levels and commitment to the cause was without question

LUKE ALLEN - MIDFIELD

Luke joins us having spent the last 2 seasons at Braintree. Luke started his career at Tottenham and Cambridge United, he also had spells at St Albans and Tonbridge Angels. As a midfielder he has an eye for goal and assists, he will hopefully have a big impact in the final third.

SAM BLACKMAN - MIDFIELD

Sam Blackman is a 23 year old midfielder who joins us after spending last season at Concord Rangers. He previously played at Leatherhead and was part of the Millwall academy and Dartford Academy when younger. Sam is a Dartford lad who still lives in the town within walking distance of the club, as a youngster he was part of our academy and then moved onto Millwall. After spending time in America he came back and played for Leatherhead and then had a great season at Concord last season. Sam is presently sidelined with a broken leg sustained in a pre-season friendly.

BEN GREENHAIGH - MIDFIELD

Ben's early career was at Welling United and during this period he entered the Sky One programme "Footballs Next Star". Ben was awarded the winner and received a 6 month contract with Inter Milan. Following the initial six month contract Ben received an offer of a further twelve month contract. Returning to the UK Ben linked up with Brighton and Hove Albion and Birmingham City. Ben joined Welling United before signing for Ebbsfleet United and Maidstone United. In June 2013 Ben joined Inverness Caledonian Thistle and subsequently loaned to Stenhousemuir. Ben subsequently joined Concord Rangers for

OPPOSITION IN FOCUS

a second period having previously played for them in the later period of the 2012/13 season. Ben joined Maidstone United in May 2016 before joining Hemel Hempstead for the start of the 2017/18 season. In October 2017 Ben re-joined Concord for a third spell before signing for Dartford in May 2018.

RYAN HAYES - MIDFIELD

Ryan originally joined the Darts as a 19 year old in April 2005 from local side Slade Green. Quickly became a crowd favourite with his skilful wing play. Left the Darts at the end of the 2017/18 season for a two year deal at Concord Rangers but returned to the club in October 2018 and has resigned for the 2019/20 season.

LEE NOBLE - MIDFIELD

Lee has signed for the Darts for the forthcoming season which will be his 12th season with us. Lee commenced his career in the youth teams at Brentwood Town before joining the Darts in the summer of 2008. Had a loan spell at Ryman League Concord Rangers and following his return has had many impressive displays and scorer of many vital goals. Supporters Player of the Year for the 2018/19 season

LUKE WANADIO - MIDFIELD

The 26 year old winger re-joins us having spent last season at Aldershot Town and Dulwich Hamlet. The season before that he was at Bromley.

In his previous spell with us Luke made 53 appearances scoring 13 goals.

Luke needs no introduction to Dartford fans after his last spell at the club. Will have a big influence on the side and an impact with supporters as he did the previous time. Previous clubs include Welling United

ALEX FLISHER - FORWARD

The 27 year old midfielder / striker joins us having spent the last two seasons at Margate and before that he was at Maidstone for four seasons. Alex won several promotions while at Maidstone United and most recently has been playing for Margate. Alex started on the wing while at Maidstone and in recent years he has played as a striker for Margate so this flexibility will provide options within the squad.

DARREN MCQUEEN - FORWARD

Darren joins us having left Sutton United this summer, having been with us on loan since February until the end of April. Darren

impressed whilst with us last season and we were eager to bring him to the club on a permanent basis once he became available .Darren adds something different to the other forwards . Originally with Ebbsfleet United

ANDY PUGH - FORWARD

Andy joined the Darts on a permanent basis at the start of the 2014/15 season having spent a period on loan the previous season... Andy commenced his career at Gillingham and to gain experience had loan spells at Folkestone Invicta, Maidstone United, Welling United, Grays Athletic, Dover Athletic and Histon. Andy's contract with Gillingham expired at the end of the 2009/10 season and he joined Welling United on a permanent deal. Scoring 32 goals in 61 appearances drew attention from Cambridge United and in January 2012 Andy joined them on a two and a half year contract. Injury restricted his appearances before loans at Ebbsfleet and then Dartford. Andy was released at the end of the 2013/14 when he joined Dartford. Missed the majority of last season with a broken leg sustained in a pre-season friendly with Colchester United but now back to full fitness for the forthcoming season.

CHARLIE SHERINGHAM - FORWARD

Charlie has signed for the forthcoming season having rejoined us at the beginning of last season for the third time following his release from Hemel Hempstead who he had rejoined following a spell playing in Bangladesh for Saif Sporting Club. Started his career in the Millwall Academy then joined Tottenham Hotspur and later Ipswich Town. Moving into non-league football Charlie joined Cambridge City, then Welling United followed by a spell at Bishops Stortford and a loan spell at Histon. Charlie then moved to Dartford for his first spell with the club where he netted 30 goals in 46 fixtures which attracted league scouts to Princes Park and led to a move to Bournemouth. Injury plaqued His stay at Bournemouth but included a short loan back to Dartford before being released at the end of the 2012/13 season when he signed for AFC Wimbledon for one season before moving back into nonleague football with Ebbsfleet United on a two year contract. Appearances were limited at Ebbsfleet and led to a loan to Bishops Stortford and later to Hemel Hempstead a move made permanent at the end of the 2016/17 season. Towards the end of 2017 Charlie joined Saif in Bangladesh.





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WE'VE MET BEFORE



ONSIDERING that we didn't start playing Dartford until 1974, we've faced the Kent side an awful lot of times - 38 to be precise!

Forty- five years seem to have gone by in a flash, and I'd have guessed that we've lost as many as we've won against the Darts. In fact it's evenstevens as we've won 12. lost 12 and drawn 14.

If you're an avid reader of this column - and indeed if you're a Dartford fan - you may remember me in past vears banging on about the first-ever clash between our proud clubs. August 1974 it was. our second match of the season, under the Tuesday night lights at Lower Mead and it's a game that has stuck in the memory as much as any other game in my WFC history.

Why? Well, we had just been promoted to the rarefied heights of the Southern League Premier Division. We had won the Division One title by 11 points from runners up Bath City, we had beaten Weymouth 2-1 at Lower Mead in our opening game and were now facing Dartford, the reigning Southern League champions.

It was a real test of the potential of Eddie

Presland's side and this then-16 year old had barely been able to think of anything else all summer.

O-Levels? Phooey! Music and girls? A poor second best - my head was filled with the prospects of ace goalscorers George Duck and Bill Byrne terrorising non League's top flight and Johnny Henderson causing palpitations with his extraordinary wing play. And would new striker Terry Evans from Trowbridge make us even better, or destroy the balance?

I've written about all this in previous issues when we've faced Dartford- but today there's



Morton switches to Wealdstone

By ALEXANDER CLYDE

SOUTHERN League champions Dartford have suffered a body blow on the eve of the new season with the departure of goalkeeper John Morton.

Morton, even-present in the team that won the League and reached the F.A. Trophy final at Wembley last season, has switched to Premier Division rivals Wealdstone.

The 26-year-old goalkeeper, rated among the top three or four in the Southern League, is due to sign professional forms for the Harrow club tomorrow night.

Purchase

Morton, who teaches at Paddington Comprehensive School, has recently bought a house at Hatch End. less than a mile from the Wealdstone ground. He spent five years at Dartford, joining them from Chatham, but retained his amateur status in the vain hope that the

England amateur selectors would

recognise him.

a fine goalkeeper. It's our luck that John has bought a house here."

"Our manager, Eddie Presland, saw him play a couple of times last year and was most impressed."

Ironically, Wealdstone's second match of the new season, on Tuesday, August 20, is at home to Dariford.

The Evening
Standard reports on
the surprise signing
of Dartford keeper
John Morton

Wealdstone open their Mid-Surrey Professional Midweck Floodlit League programme in October

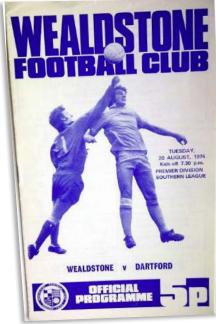
45 years on, relive the thrills & spills of a great Wealdstone night under the Lower Mead lights

a difference.

For a couple of months ago a magnificent scrapbook, compiled by long-time fan Mike Pullin, fell into my lap and there, at last, were all the cuttings from the Harrow Observer that I had pored over on the dining room table all those years ago.

An absolute treasure trove!

And so finally I can display the unabridged works of sports editor Phil Sugden (long departed to that well stocked pub in the sky) and our own press officer Colin Pope who was exuberant and professional in equal measure. Enjoy!





The bespectacled John Morton signs on the dotted line watched by Wealdstone charman David Martle (left) and manager Eddie Presland. Morts soon became the No.1 choice for the No.1 jersey, eclipsing Roy McKenzie who was in goal as we won the Div One South title

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Above: Jim Godfrey dives in to head the Stones 3-0 ahead after half an hour at the Elmslie End and (below) the Harry O trumpets an exhilarating win

Just when it seemed we were about to conquer the world (well, the Southern Prem at least) we went to Tonbridge for game No.3 and lost 1-0. And then we took on a very experienced Margate at Lower Mead and were beaten 3-0. Above, John McCormick and Eric Burgess are all at sea as Carl Gilbert scores for the Gate in front of a 1,500

But after that, what happened next?

crowd . But we finished the season a creditable 8th...

they are the champions





Six years ago, former Stone Dermot Drummy brings a young Chelsea side to open the Bulla stand.. and what a team it was!



Stones on the attack and Chelsea keeper Beeney claims this cross with Ake (far left) and Ruben Loftus Cheek (right) looking on with Wes Parker, Jerome Okimo and Elliott Godfrey waiting for a slip

Saturday August 3, 2014: Wealdstone 1 Chelsea Under-21s 4

ive years ago, the Stones took on arguably the strongest team they have ever faced at The Vale.

Chelsea agreed to send an under-21 side for the opening of the new £32,000 Bulla stand but it's only in hindsight you realise how flippin' good it was - Nathan Ake (Dutch international, now starring for Bournemouth) captained the side while Ruben Loftus-Cheek (the England international very much in the plans of new Chelsea boss Frank Lampard) pulled the strings in midfield.

The young Blues, coached by our former player, the late Dermot Drummy, featured ex-Celtic wonderkid Islam Feruz up front with Izzy Brown (still a Chelsea player and a regular loan starter for Leeds Utd) in midfield alongside Reading star John Swift. In goal was the highly-rated Mitchell Beeney, now playing in the League of Ireland for Sligo Rovers.

All but one of the Chelsea side had been capped at youth international level - and they were taking on a re-jigged Wealdstone side that had been re-shaped by long-serving boss Gordon Bartlett after the heartbreak of losing the Ryman League play-off semi-final (2-1 to Concord Rangers) a few months earlier.

The main loss, of course, was prolific striker Richard Jolly and the man we hoped could replace his goals - Lewis Putman - had been cruelly injured in a pre season game a week before and never really featured again for the club. But we did have veteran striker



Chris Moore making his debut and the former Brentford front man actually put us ahead on 24 minutes when he was flattened chasing a ball to the byline by keeper Beeney, and tucked away the penalty. himself.

Chelsea's speed of thought and quickness of feet was incredible, though, and it was no surprise when Brown stroked the ball past Jonathan North just before half time after a fine move involving Loftus-Cheek and Feruz.

Northy had kept us in the game with several fine stops, but he had no chance when Alex Kiwomya (now at Doncaster Rovers) placed a delightful shot from 20 yards and then Brown made it 3-1 after a slip

Left: Reece Grant tangles with Nathan Ake. Right: Chris Moore tumbles fot the penalty...and converts it for 1-0!

from James Hammond. The introduction of young Reece Grant reinvigorated the contest in front of a captivated 1,123 crowd, shooting just wide from Jey Siva's clever pass. We were finishing the game on top... until Swift converted another simple chance after Brown had opened up the Stones back line.

Stones: North, Hammond, Siva, Parker, Okimo, Stefan Bailey, Scott McCubbin, Adam Martin, Moore, Elliott Godfrey, Tom Pett. Subs: Hill, Brooks, Grant, Rodrigues, Montova-Ospin, Hutchinson, Webb, Haxhia





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APPEARANCES FIRST TEAM, SEASON 2018/2019 FULL RECORD

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Brown, Stefan	11	7	2	1												12	7	2	12	7	2
Bubb, Bradley	11	5	6	3		2										14	5	8	26	7	13
Charles, Elliott *		5	3		1			1		1		1				1	7	4	1	7	4
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Grant, Freddie	25		3	3												28		3	28		3
Green, Danny	38	5	7	2			1	1		1						42	6	7	138	14	32
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